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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: I PRESENTED LETTERS OF RECALL  
AND CREDENCE TO RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA ON  
JANUARY 8. IN A SIMPLE CEREMONY, THE PRESIDENT  
THANKED THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO  
RWANDA IN DIFFICULT TIMES, PROMISED TO WORK HARD FOR  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORD AND  
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY'S CONFIDENCE IN RWANDA AS REFLECTED IN THE

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SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 1/5. HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF BURUNDI, NOTING HIS EFFORTS TO GET AN OAU FORCE ON THE GROUND. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA ALSO ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO PRESIDENT CLINTON HIS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF OUR PRESIDENT'S MOTHER. ANTI-RPF STREET VIOLENCE ERUPTED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING BUT CALM RETURNED BY SATURDAY NOON. END SUMMARY.

3. I PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA SHORTLY AFTER 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 8. WE HAD NOT EXPECTED THIS CEREMONY UNTIL SOMETIME NEXT WEEK, BUT THE PRESIDENCY CALLED LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, ANNOUNCING THE EVENT FOR "BEFORE NOON SATURDAY MORNING". DCM LEADER LEARNED IN AN AFTERNOON MEETING OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT THE PRESIDENT ALSO PLANNED TO MEET WITH RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE ON SATURDAY MORNING. IN A CALL LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, I WAS TOLD THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE ME ON SATURDAY MORNING AFTER HIS MEETING WITH  
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RPF CHAIRMAN. AT 9:00 P.M., ON A PRIVATE PRO-HABYARIMANA RADIO STATION, THE PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED THE PRESIDENT'S MORNING SCHEDULE.

4. EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, CROWDS OF RUFFIANS GATHERED AT A TRAFFIC CIRCLE NEAR MY RESIDENCE AND IN FRONT OF THE CND WHERE THE RPF BATTALION IS HOUSED, STOPPING TRAFFIC, ATTACKING SOME PASSERSBY AND CHANTING ANTI-RPF SLOGANS. UNAMIR REACTED TO CLEAR THE HIGHWAYS BUT SEVERAL CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. WHEN ASKED WHAT THEY WERE PROTESTING, THE DEMONSTRATORS TOLD EMBASSY SECURITY SUPERVISOR THAT THEY WERE PROTESTING THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORT TO FORCE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATURE ON SATURDAY MORNING WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WAS ALREADY FILLED WITH MEETINGS WITH KANYARENGWE AND THE AMERICANS.

5. AT 8:30 A.M., I CALLED THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET, ENOCH RUHIGIRA, AND TOLD HIM THAT I WAS QUITE WILLING TO DELAY PRESENTATION OF MY CREDENTIALS UNTIL NEXT WEEK, IF IT WOULD HELP THE PROSPECTS FOR DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE, RUHIGIRA INSISTED THAT WE

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GO THROUGH WITH THE CEREMONY, ADDING THAT "WE NEED YOU TO HELP US". I TOLD RUHIGIRA THAT I DID NOT WANT MY CEREMONY USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO AVOID INSTALLATION OF TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS. (WE LATER FOUND OUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORT TO HOLD THE INSTALLATION SATURDAY MORNING WAS CALLED OFF IN VIEW OF THE HABYARIMANA/KANYARENGWE MEETING.) I

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NOTED THAT THE STREET DEMONSTRATORS SEEMED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA THAN I DID. SOMEONE HAD OBVIOUSLY TURNED THEM LOOSE AND THEY WERE INFLAMING THE SITUATION; THEY SHOULD BE CALLED OFF.

6. SOME DEMONSTRATORS WERE STILL IN EVIDENCE WHEN THE MOTORCADE ESCORTED ME TO THE PRESIDENT'S GUEST HOUSE AT 11:00 A.M., BUT UN AND GENDARMERIE TROOPS WERE SURVEYING THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE. AT THE CEREMONY I REMINDED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD JUST VOTED FOR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH ASKED ALL PARTIES TO COOPERATE FULLY IN FURTHERING

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THE PEACE PROCESS, APPLY THE ARUSHA ACCORD FULLY AND TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WORKING CLOSELY WITH WORLD BANK AND UN IN SETTING FORTH A STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND POST WAR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE STRATEGY TO WHICH DONORS COULD SUBSCRIBE.

7. THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO EXTEND TO MY GOVERNMENT HIS THANKS FOR THE HELP THE UNITED STATES HAD GIVEN BOTH MATERIALLY AND THROUGH ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS DURING THE THREE YEARS OF CIVIL WAR. HE BLAMED THE CURRENT IMPASSE ON DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE PARTIES, PROMISED THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO GET THE OTHER TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS INSTALLED AND NOTED WITH FAVOR RECENT INITIATIVES OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS CRITICAL FOR RWANDAN DEVELOPMENT THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S WORK WITH DONORS TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE ECONOMIC PROGRAM.

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8. THE PRESIDENT RAISED THE SUBJECT OF BURUNDI. HE RETRACED THE TRAGIC EVENTS AND NOTED HIS EFFORTS, ALONG WITH NEIGHBORING COLLEAGUES, TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT SECURITY PROBLEM. HE FELT THE ARRIVAL OF AN OAU FORCE SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES AS WERE NECESSARY TO RECREATE A SECURITY FORCE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE.

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9. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY ASKING ME TO GIVE HIS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON, SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND A/S MOOSE. PARTICULARLY, HE WANTED ME TO CONVEY THE CONDOLENCES OF THE RWANDAN PEOPLE ON THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER.

10. COMMENT: THE SIMPLICITY OF THE CEREMONY WITHIN THE SECURE CONFINES OF THE GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH THE UNRULY DEMONSTRATIONS ALONG THE TRAFFIC LANES OUTSIDE. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE HABYARIMANA/KANYARENGWE MEETING WAS DELAYED UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON BECAUSE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND THE CND, THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S HOUSE WAS BLOCKADED SO THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEND MY CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AND THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE REFUSED THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHICH DEMONSTRATORS HAD PUT ON PUBLIC ROADS.

11. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, I CALLED ON THE PAPAL NUNCIO (DEAN OF THE CORPS) OFFERING TO DO WHATEVER I COULD IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT DIPLOMATIC EFFORT NOW UNDERWAY. (DETAILS OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL; TEXT OF DEMARCHE BEING PRESENTED BY THE CORPS TO THE PRESIDENT, THE RPF, THE CURRENT AND DESIGNATED PRIME MINISTERS HAS BEEN FAXED TO AF/C.) I AM SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER UWILINGIYIMANA, CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE, PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE TWAGIRAMUNGU, AND UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOOH BOOH AS SOON AS THEY CAN RECEIVE ME.

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12. THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF SATURDAY MORNING APPEAR TO  
HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT  
MORE TIME AND TO ISOLATE KEY ACTORS IN THE CURRENT  
POLITICAL DEBATE. UNAMIR ACTED QUICKLY IN OPENING  
TRAFFIC CORRIDORS, HOWEVER, AND THEIR PRESENCE HAS  
BROUGHT CALM BACK TO THE CAPITAL BY THIS AFTERNOON.  
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